



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

FROM ALL AT THE BUCCA BEACON

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BN EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE — MAJ Warren Wintrode

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Camp Bucca community - soldier, airman, and civilian alike - for its service to our country and to each other. As I walk around the camp, I am constantly amazed at the exponential growth in the life support area and the growing parade of new camp members. We are thousands of miles from our homes and families during this holiday season, yet we continue to soldier on, continuously improving our business processes. I am proud to serve with each and every one of you.

As 2005 begins, we will be seeing a host of new faces and units on Camp Bucca, including the Air Force's 732nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, Bravo Battery, 2-111th Field Artillery, Task Force 115 Medical, and the Joint Interrogation and Detention Center. Welcome to the fight. At the same time, we will be bidding farewell to units that have served Camp Bucca with honor and distinction: Bravo Battery, 1-107th Field Artillery, Alpha Battery, 172nd Field

Artillery, the 319th Signal Company, 4th Platoon, 57th Military Police Company, 1st Platoon, 552nd Military Police Company, 2nd Platoon, Alpha Company, 1-185th Infantry, and 1st Platoon, 1-152nd Field Artillery. Thank you for your service.

Good luck and God speed on your journeys home. I will see you on the high ground.

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BN CSM's MESSAGE — CSM Lonnie Webster

This will be the first in a series of articles highlighting the Army values. I would like to begin by talking about values in general. Before any of us joined the Army or heard about the Army values we had a set of rules and principles we lived by. I am not talking about rules like, don't eat your desert before your vegetables. I am talking about rules that each of us carry deep inside, rules that literally govern how we live our lives. In other words rules that form our value system. Values define our behavior and how we relate to others. For most of us our personal values were influenced by a combination of parents, friends, teachers,

and clergy. Regardless of the source we all have a set of values we live by. Organizations have values just like individuals do. All organizations have a set of values that define it, whether explicitly stated or not. A set of commonly accepted guiding principles is what makes an otherwise unrelated group of people an organization.

As an organization the seven Army values (Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless-Service, Honor, Integrity, Personal Courage) define our personal behavior and how we relate to each other. Today's focus will be on Loyalty. **Loyalty:** Bear true faith and allegiance to the

U.S. Constitution, the Army, your unit and other soldiers.

A historical example: *The Decision at the Marias*. The men thought the route ran to the northwest up the Marias River, while both Lewis and Clark thought the main river channel ran to the southwest. The men agreed to go along with the decision of the captains to proceed to the southwest, which was indeed the Missouri River.

I challenge each of us to adopt the Army values as our own and apply them continuously. **Always choose the difficult right over the easy wrong.**

Thanks for all you do!

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THE BUCCA BEACON

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF CAMP BUCCA, IRAQ



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"CHRISTMAS IN IRAQ"

I am probably correct in saying that there are other places that we would rather spend Christmas. We would much rather be home with our families. This deployment has dampened to a certain degree the Christmas spirit of both us and our families at home. I would, however, stress the positive side of our experience. A realization of the purpose of this mission gives us optimism and encouragement. The support coming from home and the respect and confidence of our families and friends challenges us to stay focused and complete the mission successfully.

I was especially stirred when reading a card sent to our soldiers by a sixth grader in Virginia. The girl wrote, "I guess you realize that you are my hero." She wrote these words to a soldier that she did not even know! A soldier serving their Country and defending its freedom is a hero in this child's eyes! That trust and respect stimulates us to be proud and even thankful to be at Camp Bucca for Christmas.

I would conclude by reminding us all that our greatest encouragement is found in the name that defines Christmas. Christmas is about Christ. He is the reason for the season.



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

Blessings,

Chaplain (MAJ) Chuck Peters

Spotlight on Units by CPT Diana Stumpf, 105th MP BN

Spotlight on Military Working Dogs

It's a dog's life; at least for the three resident Camp Bucca canines. If you work at the TIF you will have seen our special four legged co-workers, Boris, Irk, and Nero. These Military Working Dogs (MWD), a Belgian Malinois and two German Shepards, have quickly become an invaluable asset at Camp Bucca. They are in fact as much of an asset to the mission of the TIF as a weapon or a soldier. Of course, these dogs do not come to work alone, they are accompanied by their professionally trained military handlers, SSG Dewine, SSG Pratorius, and MA1 Flanning.

All three handlers are graduates of the 3-6 month training course held at Lackland Air Force Base. They were all line MPs (Master at Arms for you Navy personnel) who decided to combine their love of police work with a passion for dogs.

"I was raised with dogs all my life," states SSG Pratorius, "it only seemed natural to carry that joy into my professional career as well." SSG Dewine and MA1 Flanning share similar backgrounds with one exception; in the Navy, those desiring to become handlers are expected to work their way up before being selected to attend training. That meant hours of "cleaning kennels, catching dogs and taking bites", according to MA1 Flanning.

soldiers but, also that of the working dog, when several photos showed teeth-baring MWDs terrifying Iraqi detainees. In addition, there is the connection that inevitably develops between the handler and his/her dog.

"They are our best friend as well as our body guard," explains SSG Pratorius.

SSG Dewine echoes those sentiments, "It is impossible not to get attached."

The MWDs at Camp Bucca share a similar schedule to all TIF personnel, working long

hours, meeting training requirements, enjoying a little play time and, of course, sleeping as the mission allows. Just like people, each dog is different. Some can work longer than others, each has its own temperament but, all struggle during the hot weather. Also just like soldiers, Boris, Irk and Nero have been receiving numerous care packages! Donations come from websites that support military dogs and come in the form of toys and special treats.

Any Camp Bucca resident who has not had the pleasure of meeting our four-legged friends should certainly take the time to do so; they all love attention. Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't mention to all readers that Boris, Irk and Nero are always seeking that motivated "training partner". Feel free to stop one of our handlers to volunteer for that mission!

"The Military Working Dog is as much an asset to the TIF as a weapon or a soldier."

For those who are dog lovers it may seem a dream come true; get paid to work and live with your special canine. However, the work presents unique challenges of its own. The scandal of Abu Ghraib not only affected the image of Military Police



The three Military Working Dog teams at Camp Bucca pose in front of their quarters.

Training to Save Lives by LT Brooke Clark, 520th ASMC

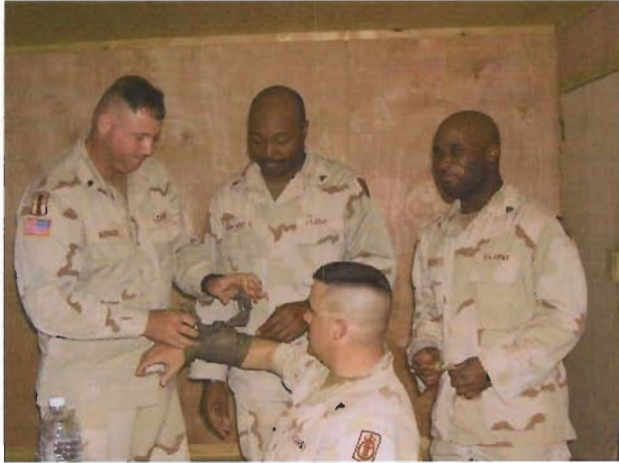
First Combat Lifesaver Course a Success!

Amidst a bustling bazaar at the MWR, Combat Life Saver Training began in the movie room on the 9th of December. One soldier was recertified and thirteen soldiers attended the rigorous three day course instructed by SSG Robert Morrison and SGT Maquichia Torres of the 520th Area Support Medical Company.

The purpose of the training is to give soldiers the opportunity to learn and apply basic first aid skills, and to become certified as a Combat Life Saver.

There are two written tests covering buddy aid and medical tasks that must be passed with a 70% or higher. Soldiers learn how to

administer buddy aid meant to sustain a life until a medic arrives on scene.



Participants of the first Camp Bucca CLS course show their skills!

Finally, each Combat Life Saver must successfully start an IV in one of their buddies - the highlight of the course!

The goal of the 520th ASMC is to certify as many soldiers as possible.

The next CLS class is scheduled for January 13-15. All in all, it was a very informative and challenging course in which a little bit of fun was had by all.

Bucca Briefs by SPC Charles Greer, 105th MP BN

**More things that make you go,
hmmmmmmmm**

South Carolina – A guy's store is being robbed so he hits the silent alarm. With the robber in front of him, the guy sees a car pull up out front. He asks the robber if he could go out and tell the person the place is closed. The robber agrees. I guess he didn't notice the customer drove up in a squad car.

The Price of Victory Perverserance!

"If the government will let us peacefully return to our villages and our children, we will come. We are tired living on the run in these snowy mountains." These are the words of a Taliban fighter who has been battling US and Afghan troops for three long, hard years. Another Taliban fighter states that Osama bin Laden and Mullah Mohammed Omar have misled Taliban fighters into believing they were fighting a holy war against infidels, "when really they just wanted to consolidate their own seats of power."

This opinion is being heard more frequently in the last several months and is being interpreted as signs that the Taliban is losing the struggle for the hearts and minds of the Afghan people. Seizing the moment, newly elected President Hamid Karzai, plans to offer general amnesty to rank and file Taliban fighters as one of his first official actions. The President's hope is that this action will bring peace to major portions of Afghanistan and lead to the capture of many mid level and high ranking terrorist leaders.

Of course, President Karzai's plan is not without its detractors. Battle hardened fighters like Maulvi Haider, a Taliban commander, claims the Taliban is strong and united in the battle against the "Jews and the infidels. We are not ready for talks with NATO forces or the Ameri-

cans. We want a pure Islamic system in Afghanistan and we will fight for it." The Tajik Northern Alliance also has reservations about the amnesty plan claiming the absence of violence during the recent elections was more likely due to Pakistani influence than a lack of military ability within the Taliban. Their criticism of the plan is that Pakistan, who supported the Taliban before 9/11, wants to see familiar faces in the new government and that they are able to "turn the tap on and off at will."

In either case, constant pressure and perseverance by US and coalition military and diplomatic forces, have made these issues unavoidable.

The Cost of Raising Children

The government recently calculated the cost of raising a child from birth to 18 and came up with \$160,140 for a middle income family. Talk about sticker shock! That doesn't even touch college tuition.

But \$160,140 isn't so bad if you break it down. It translates into \$8,896.66 a year, \$741.38 a month, or \$171.08 a week. That's a mere \$24.24 a day! Just over a dollar an hour. Still, you might think the best financial advice is don't have children if you want to be "rich." Actually, it is just the opposite. What do you get for your \$160,140?

Naming rights. First, middle, and last!
Glimpses of God every day. Giggles.... under the covers every night. More love than your heart can hold. Butterfly kisses and Velcro hugs. Endless wonder over rocks, ants, clouds, and warm cookies. A hand to hold, usually covered with jelly or chocolate. A partner for

blowing bubbles, flying kites, building sandcastles, and skipping down the sidewalk in the pouring rain. Someone to laugh yourself silly with, no matter what the boss said or how your stocks performed that day. For \$160,140, you never have to grow up. You get to finger-paint, carve pumpkins, play hide-and-seek, catch lightning bugs, and never stop believing in Santa Claus. You have an excuse to keep reading the Adventures of Piglet and Pooh, watching Saturday morning cartoons, going to Disney movies, and wishing on stars.

You get to frame rainbows, hearts, and flowers under refrigerator magnets and collect spray painted noodle wreaths for Christmas, hand prints set in clay for Mother's Day, and cards with backward letters for Father's Day.

For \$160,140, there is no greater bang for your buck. You get to be a hero just for retrieving a Frisbee off the garage roof, taking the training wheels off a bike, removing a splinter, filling a wading pool, coaxing a wad of gum out of bangs, and coaching a baseball team that never wins but always gets treated to ice cream regardless. You get a front row seat to history to witness the first step, first word, first bra, first date, and first time behind the wheel. You get to be immortal. You get another branch added to your family tree, and if you're lucky, a long list of limbs in your obituary called grandchildren and great grandchildren. You get an education in psychology, nursing, criminal justice, communications, and human sexuality that no college can match. In the eyes of a child, you rank right up there under God.

You have all the power to heal a boo-boo, scare away the monsters under the bed, patch a broken heart, police a slumber party, ground them forever, and love them without limits, so . . . one day they will, like you, love without counting the cost.



MWR EVENTS Phone: 853-1115

AAFES
Army & Air Force Exchange Service

Coming soon!

TAE-BO

Monday, Weds, Friday @ 1800 hrs

Classes

Salsa Night

Tuesday & Thursday

@ 2000 hrs

Country Line Dancing

Monday & Friday @ 1900 hrs

Events

Karaoke Night

Wednesday & Sunday @ 2000 hrs

Club Night

Saturday @ 2100 hrs

BAZAAR (Dates are subject to Change)
2 and 16 January 2005.



No Bucca Idol

The Karaoke crew is holding a Karaoke Contest on 26 December 2004 for all of those who would like to sing. The only request is to know the song that you would like to sing. There will be a surprise judge HINT: KYLE. To all of those who signed up for the Bucca Idol this is your chance to become the **Karaoke Idol**. If you have any question the POC is SPC Hillmen.



Camp Specials

Kodak Advantix 75% OFF
Elta Fans (220 Volts) 50% OFF
High definition, while supplies last
All American Greetings
Christmas Cards 20% off

New Releases

Spiderman 2
Around the World in 80 Days



WEATHER

17 December

Mostly Sunny High 54 Low 29 10% Chance of Precipitation

18 December

Partly Cloudy High 52 Low 29 0% Chance of Precipitation

19 December

Scattered Showers High 52 Low 30 30% Chance of Precipitation

20 December

Scattered Showers High 59 Low 37 30% Chance of Precipitation

21 December

Sunny High 58 Low 37 0% Chance of Precipitation

22 December

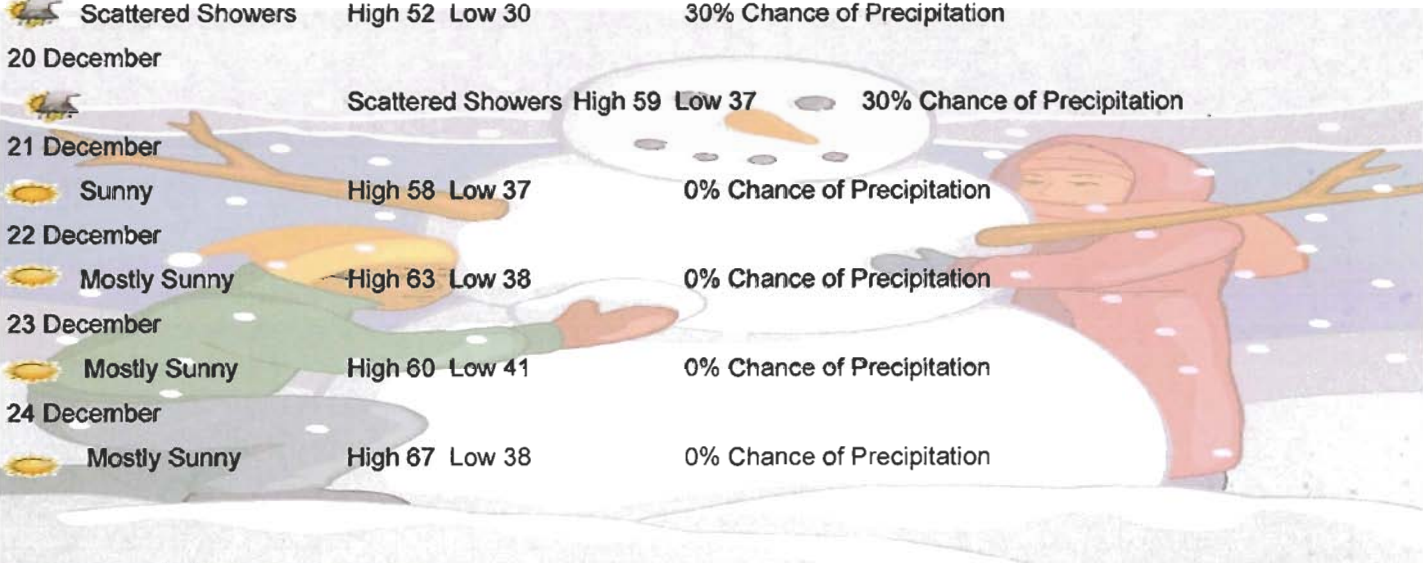
Mostly Sunny High 63 Low 38 0% Chance of Precipitation

23 December

Mostly Sunny High 60 Low 41 0% Chance of Precipitation

24 December

Mostly Sunny High 67 Low 38 0% Chance of Precipitation



Football League

COMPLETED GAMES:

6 DEC 3/178TH VS. 172ND
172ND VS. 520TH

8 DEC 107TH VS. 105TH
152ND VS. ITT

10 DEC 520TH VS. 105TH
185TH VS. 3/178TH

13 DEC 520TH VS. 107TH
105TH VS. 152ND

15 DEC ITT VS. 185TH
3/178TH VS. 105TH

*Winners Highlighted in Black

UPCOMING GAMES:

17 DEC 185TH VS. 520TH
107TH VS. 152ND

22 DEC 172ND VS. 107TH
3/178TH VS. 520TH

24 DEC 107TH VS. ITT
152ND VS. 185TH

27 DEC 3/178TH VS. ITT
172ND VS. 105TH

29 DEC 185TH VS. 107TH
520TH VS. 152ND

31 DEC 172ND VS. ITT
185TH VS. 105TH

Taking Time to Make Time by SPC Charles Greer, 105th MP BN

SFC Quinn, SSG Butcher, SGTs Ellison, Gloyd, Bolt, and Buchanan, SPC Johnson, and PFC Williamson are the soldiers who make up the R&U Section (Repair and Utilities). A busier group of guys you have never met! These are the guys who installed plexiglass in all the perimeter towers and in the IF towers and ran electricity to them. They also built the temporary shelters on the IF towers. The same guys who have completed multiple projects at the IF Medical facility, improvement projects at the Iraqi Police facilities at both Burma and Corona gates, and countless other projects that most of us have taken for granted (like a desk for the garrison commander or a conference table for the Battalion Conference Room) are the ones who have also taken the time to do something for the local community.

When a contingent of our British brothers asked for some help refinishing desks for the elementary

school in Safwan, the guys at R&U jumped at the chance. SSG Butcher said, "We did it for the kids. We were just glad to do something to help out the

contributed to the children in Safwan.

SGT Bolt accompanied the British soldiers to the school to deliver the first two refurbished desks. He described the scene, "It was chaotic! The Brits took toys, clothes, and candy. The kids just went nuts! They didn't even want to wait for us to get a picture of them and the desks. They just started pulling them into the classroom." SGT Bolt described the school as being made of brick held together by very poor mortar, badly leaking roofs, and deteriorating chalkboards. "The kids were most impressed with our cameras. They wanted to see their faces on our camera screens. For just a brief moment, everyone of them was a movie star."

The Bucca Beacon proudly recognizes our own R&U Section for outstanding service to their fellow soldiers and their selfless contribution to making life a little better in the local Iraqi community.



SGT Ellison, 105th MP BN R&U section proudly displays a new school desk.

civilians." The repair and refinishing of each desk takes about five hours, multiply that by the 30 desks that have been brought to them and you get an idea about the work these soldiers have



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**We welcome your
comments, suggestions, or
assistance! Please see us
at Trailer 2 to become part
of the team!**

Proper order and discipline within a military organization enables Leaders to instill in soldiers values and the ability to act maturely and respectful when executing the Army's mission. Let's look at what happens when order and discipline is compromised:

2 DEC 04

SSG receives a field grade Article 15 and reduction to SGT for failing to obey a lawful order and damaging government property.

2 DEC 04

SSG receives a field grade Article 15 and was given suspended reduction to SPC for assault.



The Back Page (Things You Want to Know But Are Afraid To Ask!)

By SPC Patrick Cusack, 105th MP BN



What Causes Gray Hair?

When our bodies are functioning well, cells in our hair follicles called melanocytes generate pigments -- the chief one being melanin. When the melanocytes stop producing these pigments, we sprout a transparent hair, which appears as an unsightly gray due to the color of the dead cells that comprise the strand. Why does this happen? The most common reason is heredity; premature gray hair is yet another thing we can blame on our

parents. But there are also several medical conditions



overnight is cause for a fair amount of controversy. While some people claim such an occurrence, many scientists question the actual time frame involved.

* Can a very high-pitched scream really shatter glass?

If a scream resonates with the natural frequency of the glass for long enough, it's possible that the glass would shatter, but a variety of factors are involved. First, the type of glass matters. As Louis Bloomfield of How Things Work points out, the glass usually found in windowpanes and cups is relatively soft,



shape enhances the sound frequency. The real trick to breaking glass with sound is to match the sound's frequency to that of the glass. You might be able to do this with a scream, but it's easier for a singer with perfect pitch to create the right note, especially if that singer's voice is amplified. Each glass will have a slightly different natural frequency due to minute variations in shape and composition. When the high-pitched sound and the glass resonate, it causes the glass to vibrate. If the singer keeps singing the same note at high volume, eventually the glass will vibrate itself into pieces.